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application that would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of U.S. Patent No. 5,601,990. The obviousness-type double patenting rejection has therefore been obviated, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal thereof.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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